

100th Anniversary
1869 - 1969



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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KENSINGTON - PHILADELPHIA

THE CENTENNIAL BANQUET

SATURDAY

APRIL 12

PARISH HALL AUDITORIUM

SPEAKERS & ENTERTAINMENT

BANQUET COMMITTEE--MESSRS CHAMBERS, GREENWOOD
MCDANIEL, WANK

CATERER - DEGENHARDT

THE CENTENNIAL CHURCH CELEBRATION

SOLEMN EVENSONG

SUNDAY

4 P.M.

APRIL 20

THE CENTENNIAL SPRING SHOW

ONE HUNDRED YEARS IN COSTUME & SONGS

PARISH HALL AUDITORIUM

MAY 9 & 10

8 P.M.

DIRECTION-MR. & MRS. ED. CHAMBERS

GREETINGS FROM YOUR RECTOR

FOR A PARISH TO REACH ITS CENTENNIAL IS NOTHING TOO UNUSUAL BUT TO GREET YOU AT THIS TIME AS THE THIRD RECTOR THE PARISH HAS EVER HAD IS SOMEWHAT OF A RECORD. ALTHOUGH THE PARISH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1869 AND MET OVER A STORE ON FRANKFORD AVE. IT DID NOT CALL ITS FIRST RECTOR UNTIL 1872. JOHN A. GOODFELLOW, FRESH OUT OF SEMINARY ACCEPTED THE CALL AND LITERALLY BUILT THE PARISH AND GUIDED IT THROUGH SIXTY-THREE YEARS, UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1933. FATHER KEEDWELL FOLLOWED HIM AND WAS HERE FOUR YEARS. IN MAY OF 1938 I CAME ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FROM THE DIVINITY SCHOOL AND AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE I HAVE BEEN HERE EVER SINCE.

THE DEPRESSION YEARS WERE DIFFICULT FOR OUR PARISH. I REMEMBER QUITE WELL THAT MY PAY CHECK OF FIVE DOLLARS A SUNDAY ON ONE OCCASION BOUNCED BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS. FORTUNATELY MY LIVING WAS NOT DEPENDENT UPON THAT SALARY AT THAT TIME. WITH YOUR SPLENDID COOPERATION AND THE GENUINE HARD WORK OF A FAITHFUL FEW, WE PULLED THROUGH THOSE YEARS AND I CAN MODESTLY SAY WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY. OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR PHYSICAL PLANT. THESE WE ALL ENJOY AND APPRECIATE.

ONE OF MY REAL JOYS IN BEING WITH YOU THESE MANY YEARS HAS BEEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF KNOWING SO MANY FINE GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEWOMEN AND THE CHANCE TO CALL THEM MY SINCERE FRIENDS. WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT HAS BEEN TO BE ABLE TO GO INTO THESE HOMES AND HAVE THE SENSE OF BEING WELCCME. THIS OF COURSE IS ONE OF THE BLESSINGS OF THE PRIESTHOOD. IT HAS ALSO BEEN A PLEASURE TO HAVE WORKED WITH SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE GROWN UP TO BE RESPECTED AND RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN CITIZENS.

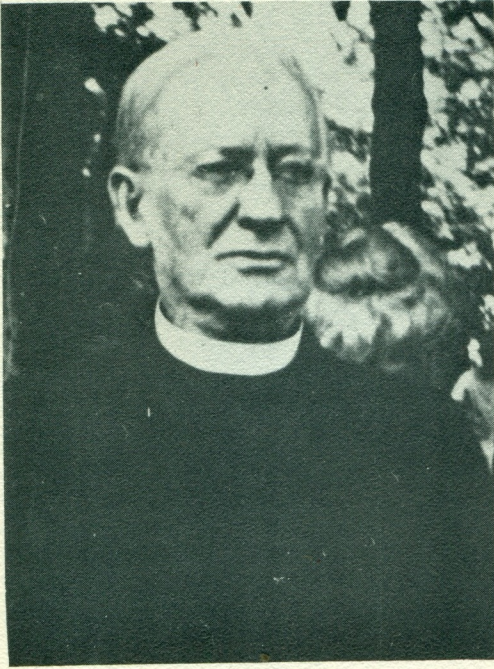
I THANK MY GOD FOR CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AND FOR CALLING ME TO BE PASTOR OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN KENSINGTON. TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE HELPING CELEBRATE OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR I EXTEND MY GREETINGS. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

SINCERELY

David O. Trauger

FR. TRAUGER

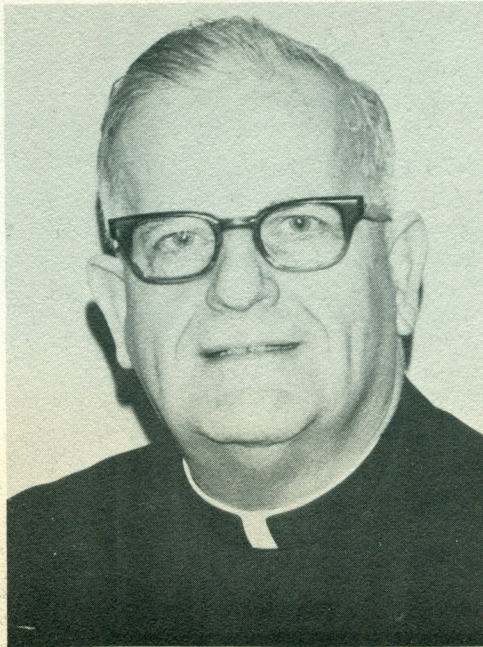
OUR THREE RECTORS



JOHN A. GOODFELLOW
1872 - 1933



ALEXANDER KEEDWELL
1933 - 1938



DAVID O. TRAUGER
1938 -

THE VESTRY



G. ANDERSON, A. KREFT, S. RICKENBACH, W. McDANIEL, W. GREENWOOD
FR. TRAUGER, W. DIEHL, H. WANK, W. PRESSELL, E. CHAMBERS
(MISSING - L. BUDD)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD GUILD



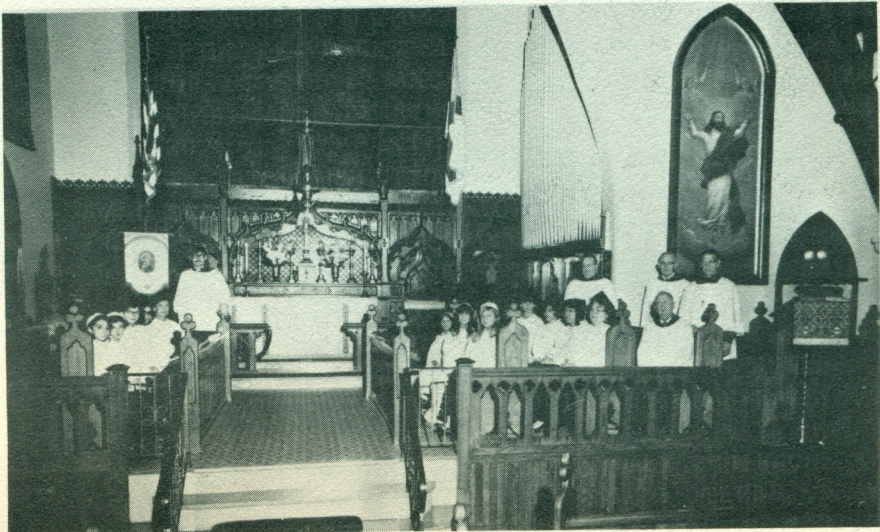
M. TEGETHOFF, A. SIENKIEWICZ, D. GETZ, H. RINTYE, M. BLAIR, G. WANK
H. OECHSLE, A. SHELLEY, M. GREGORY, A. STEWART, O. RICKENBACH, R. TRAUGER

THE ACOLYTES



FR. TRAUGER, K. CASTAN, MR. ANDERSON
D. FLEURY, N. BIGGS, M. SIENKIEWICZ
A. CONNOR, W. BIGGS, K. LOCHEL
G. FLEURY, M. TROST, L. BIGGS

THE CHOIR



THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHOIR HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FAITHFUL ONE. IT BEGAN AS THE FIRST VESTED CHOIR NORTH OF MARKET STREET BACK IN THE EARLY NINETIES AND HAS SERVED CONTINUOUSLY EVER SINCE. AT THE PRESENT IT IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF R. URBANK. WITH ITS HELP WE ENJOY A SUNG EUCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY.

CHURCH SCHOOL FACULTY



R. RUSH, C. SMITH, G. ANDERSON, A. SIENKIEWICZ
D. LOCHEL, C. RUSH, L. PROPHET
C. FLEURY, S. SMITH, E. ANDERSON, R. TRAUGER

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT



CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES



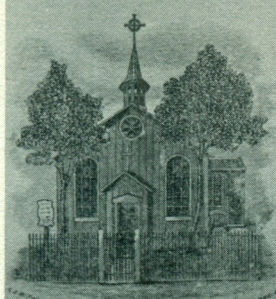
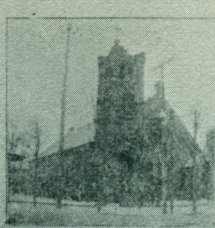


THE PARISH CHURCHMAN

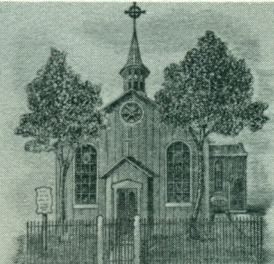
of the Church of the Good Shepherd

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REV. JOHN A. GOODFELLOW, A. M.,
Rector Rectory,
2353 E. Cumberland Street

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Church of the Good Shepherd;
Cumberland St. E. of Frankford Avenue,
Rev. JOHN A. GOODFELLOW, Rector,
1919 E. Cumberland St.

Seats Free. All Welcome.

Sunday Services:
FIRST IN EACH MONTH:
Morning Prayer and Infant Baptism, 9
Liturgy, Sermon, and Holy Communion, 10
ALL OTHER SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, 8
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 9
Every Sunday Evening, 7
SOCIETIES being free, weekly and monthly offerings are asked for Church support.

ENVELOPES provided by the Parish, please ask for them, or find them in the Wall Rack.

Sunday School, 9.30 P. M.
HENRY RUDOLPH, Superintendent.
WILLIAM BUCKLEY, Organist.
JAMES STEWART, Assistant Librarian.

Infant School.
Miss WILBRAHAM, Superintendent,
Assistant Superintendent.

Bible Classes.
Ladies, 2 P. M. HENRY RUDOLPH, Teacher.
Men's, 2 P. M. THE RECTOR, Teacher.

The Parish Guild has adjourned for the summer.

OUR TWO CHURCH BUILDINGS



THIS FRAME CHAPEL WAS BUILT ON THE PRESENT SITE AND SERVED AS THE CHURCH UNTIL THE PRESENT EDIFICE WAS BUILT IN 1889. AT THAT TIME IT WAS MOVED BACK TO THE SITE OF THE PRESENT PARISH HOUSE TO BE USED AS A PARISH HALL. IT WAS DEMOLISHED IN 1912 WHEN THE PRESENT PARISH HOUSE WAS ERECTED.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD STORY

ON ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS DAY, 1868, THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL OF WHAT WAS TO BECOME THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD WAS ORGANIZED BY JOSEPH M. CHRISTIAN AND WILLIAM TARDIFF. IN MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR THE PARISH WAS ESTABLISHED "FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORSHIPING ALMIGHTY GOD, ACCORDING TO THE FAITH AND DISCIPLINE OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH". TWO MONTHS LATER IT WAS ADMITTED INTO UNION WITH THE DIOSCESAN CONVENTION. THE REV. J.W. CLAXTON D.D. WAS THE NOMINAL RECTOR, WITH THE REV. ALFRED A. RICKERT AS THE MINISTER-IN-CHARGE. DR. CLAXTON CONTINUED AS RECTOR OF CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, PHILADELPHIA, WHICH IN A REAL SENSE COULD BE LOOKED UPON AS THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SINCE THE MOVEMENT FOR THE NEW CHURCH HAD BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REV. J.W. CLAXTON. THE STATUS OF THE NEW CHURCH AT THE TIME WAS THAT OF A MISSION, UNFORTUNATELY MR. RICKERT'S HEALTH SOON FAILED AND BOTH HE AND DR. CLAXTON RESIGNED, WHEREUPON THE REV. JOHN A. GOODFELLOW WAS CALLED TO THE RECTORSHIP ON MARCH 1, 1872.

IN SUGGESTING MR. GOODFELLOW FOR THE POST DR. CLAXTON WROTE TO THE VESTRY 'MR. GOODFELLOW HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO ME AS A GOOD WORKER, AN ENERGETIC AND FAITHFUL MAN. IT IS FOR YOU TO DETERMINE THE IMPORTANT QUESTION, WHETHER MR. GOODFELLOW IS A SUITABLE PERSON TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR CHURCH. ' THUS IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT MR. GOODFELLOW PROVED TO BE SO SUITABLE THAT HE SERVED AS RECTOR OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR SIXTY THREE YEARS, THEREBY ESTABLISHING THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS RECORD FOR ANY CLERGYMAN IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA. MOREOVER IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN A NAME, THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD WAS DOUBLY BLESSED IN HAVING A MAN NAMED CHRISTIAN AS ONE OF ITS FOUNDERS AND ANOTHER NAMED GOODFELLOW AS ITS RECTOR.

AT THE TIME OF MR. GOODFELLOW'S APPOINTMENT THE CONGREGATION WAS STILL WORSHIPING IN A HALL AT FRANKFORD AVE. AND ADAMS ST. (NOW HAGERT ST.) BUT THREE MONTHS LATER THE HALL HAD TO BE ABANDONED AND THE GROUP WAS OBLIGED TO BUILD A FRAME CHAPEL ON THE CORNER OF CUMBERLAND AND COLLINS STS., THE COST OF THE BUILDING BEING \$6,000. THE GROUND WHICH RAN BACK TO DICKENSON ST. (NOW FIRTH ST.) WAS ACQUIRED FOR \$7,000 BUT WAS NOT FULLY PAID FOR UNTIL 1886, THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS ERECTED, THE CHURCH PAYING GROUND RENT IN THE MEANTIME. IN 1889, WHEN THE PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING WAS ERECTED, THE FRAME CHAPEL WAS REMOVED TO THE DICKENSON ST. END OF THE LOT WHERE IT SERVED AS A PARISH HOUSE AND A SUNDAY-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UNTIL 1912. IN THAT YEAR IT WAS REPLACED BY THE PARISH HOUSE.

IN 1887 A FUND WAS STARTED FOR THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING AND IN TWO YEARS SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THAT PURPOSE HAD GROWN TO \$8,837.23. THE CORNERSTONE WAS LAID IN NOVEMBER 1889. THE COST OF THE STRUCTURE, EXCLUSIVE OF STAINED GLASS AND FURNITURE, WAS \$13,400. OVER THE YEARS THE CARE GIVEN TO THE CHURCH AND THE MELLOWING EFFECTS OF TIME HAVE SERVED TO ENHANCE ITS ATTRACTIVENESS

FOR THE FIRST FEW YEARS IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH THE PROBLEM OF SECURING A RECTOR HAD BEEN A THORNY ONE BUT THIS HAD BEEN RESOLVED WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. GOODFELLOW. HOWEVER, THAT OF "MAKING ENDS MEET" WAS EVER PRESENT, AS ONE MIGHT SUPPOSE IN VIEW OF THE AMBITIOUS PROBLEM THAT HAD BEEN PURSUED BY THIS YOUNG CONGREGATION. THE CHURCH WAS HEAVILY IN DEBT FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

IN 1881 THE FIRST PIPE ORGAN WAS PURCHASED SECOND HAND FROM THE FRANKFORD LODGE F. & A.M., AND THE REED ORGAN WHICH HAD BEEN USED IN THE CHAPEL WAS SOLD. THEN IN 1883 THIS PIPE ORGAN WAS TURNED IN ON THE PURCHASE OF A BETTER ORGAN, WHICH WAS DONATED TO ANOTHER CHURCH IN 1912. THE NEXT PIPE ORGAN SERVED UNTIL 1945 AT WHICH TIME IT WAS MODERNIZED INTO THE BEAUTIFUL ORGAN WHICH WE NOW ENJOY IN OUR CHURCH.

DOUBTLESSLY WE ARE ALL FAMILAR WITH THE TWO LIFE SIZE PAINTINGS OF OUR LORD WHICH HANG IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH. ONE OF THEM PORTRAYS HIM AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD, THE OTHER SHOWS HIM IN THE ACT OF ASCENDING INTO HEAVEN. THESE PAINTINGS WERE PRESENTED TO THE CHURCH BY MR. ABNER J. LYBRAND AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT IN 1884. MR. LYBRAND WAS A TEACHER IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL, A MEMBER OF THE CHOIR, AND A VESTRYMAN.

IN THAT SAME YEAR THE CHOIR WAS SURPLICED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON EASTER SUNDAY.

BEGINNING IN 1884 AND CONTINUING UNTIL 1913 A PAMPHLET, CALLED THE PARISH CHURCHMAN, WAS DISTRIBUTED MONTHLY. DURING ITS FIRST YEAR IT HAD A CIRCULATION OF ABOUT 500 COPIES AT A COST OF \$122 TO THE PARISH. HOWEVER, THE PUBLICATION WAS WELL SUPPORTED BY ADVERTISEMENTS FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS, SOME OF WHOSE NAMES CAN BE RECALLED WITH NOSTALGIA. MR. DEGENHARDT FOR EXAMPLE, WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS GENEROSITY IN TREATING THOSE WHO HAD COME TO SETTLE FOR CATERING JOBS, WITH THE RESULT THAT THERE WAS NEVER ANY DIFFICULTY IN SECURING VOLUNTEERS FOR THAT CHORE. ONE STORE FEATURED THE HIGH BUTTONEED SHOE FOR MILADY. ANOTHER ADVERTISED A NEW SHIPMENT OF SCARLET SHIRTS AND DRAWERS FOR MEN. AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE COULD PURCHASE TWO BOTTLES OF DUFFY'S MALT WHISKEY (MEDICINAL) FOR \$1.50. TO THE HARRASSED TELEVISION VIEWER OF TODAY IT IS REFRESHING TO NOTE THE ABSENCE OF DEODORANT ADVERTISEMENTS. MAYBE THE PEOPLE WERE DIFFERANT IN THOSE DAYS.

THE PARISH CHURCHMAN WAS INTERESTING AND WELL WRITTEN. IT CONTAINED NEWS ITEMS RELATING TO THE CHURCH; EXCERPTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY AND GIVING; AND SOME BLUNT PITHY REMARKS;

"THERE IS NO SINGLE INSTANCE IN THE GOSPELS OF A WOMAN SHOWING ENMITY TO OUR LORD."

"RE: MARRIAGE. THOSE WHO CONTEMPLATE WILL DO WELL TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS ADVISABLE TO AROUSE THE SUSPICIONS OF THEIR FRIENDS AS TO THEIR RIGHT TO BE MARRIED BY GOING TO CAMDEN FOR THAT PURPOSE.

"A PAPER ADVERTISES RUBBER BAPTISMAL PANTS, ALPACA FINISH. IF IMMERSION CANNOT BE PRUDENTLY ADMINISTERED WITHOUT RESORT TO SUCH UNSEEMLY CONTRIVANCES IT HAD BETTER BE ABANDONED. POURING IS THE SAFER AND MORE COMELY MODE IN NORTHERN CLIMATES."

IN 1885 ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT THE CHURCH WAS PRACTICALLY OUT OF DEBT. AND IN JANUARY 1903 MR. GOODFELLOW STATED "THE PARISH WILL BE THROWN UPON ITS OWN RESOURCES AFTER MAY OF THIS YEAR. WHICH MEANT THAT THE CHURCH WOULD NO LONGER BE A MISSION.

SURELY WE HAVE ALL ADMIRERD THE MEMORIAL WINDOWS ALONG THE TWO SIDES OF THE CHURCH. CONSEQUENTLY IT MIGHT BE OF SOME INTEREST TO READ THE FOLLOWING FROM THE APRIL 1897 ISSUE OF THE PARISH CHURCHMAN:

"IN THE NEAR FUTURE ONE OF THE WINDOWS ON THE ALLEY SIDE OF THE CHURCH WILL BE FILLED WITH A MEMORIAL REPRESENTATION. THIS WILL LEAVE BUT FIVE MORE TO BE FILLED-THE COST OF EACH WINDOW IS \$100." AND IN FEBRUARY WE HAVE COME UPON, "OUR CHURCH IS ALREADY RICH IN MEMORIAL WINDOWS, ONLY THREE MORE NEEDED "

IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BEAUTIFUL AND UNIQUE MEMORIAL WINDOW IN THE FRONT OF OUR CHURCH WAS A GIFT FROM MISS WILBRAHAM WHO WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE INFANT DEPARTMENT OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

DURING THE NINETIES THE VITALITY AND VIGOR OF THE CHURCH WERE EVIDENCED BY THE VARIETY AND SCOPE OF THE ACTIVITIES WHICH IT SPONSERED. THERE WERE SEVERAL GUILDS: AND MENTION IS MADE OF AN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION: BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, AND SOCCER TEAMS: A CHORAL GROUP OF 75 WHICH INCLUDED FEMALES AND WAS IN ADDITION TO THE ALL MALE CHOIR OF 54: A LITERARY SOCIETY: A BOY'S CLUB: AND PERHAPS OTHERS. DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES WERE GIVEN, ONE OF THESE BEING 'H.M.S. PINAFORE' BY GILBERT AND SULLIVAN, AND THERE WERE TROLLEY PARTIES, MOONLIGHT EXCURSIONS, AND SUMMER OUTINGS. DURING THOSE PRE-TELEVISION DAYS THE CHURCH SERVED NOT ONLY AS A RELIGIOUS CENTER

BUT ALSO AS A SOCIAL CENTER, ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AS WELL AS MOST OTHER CHURCHES, APPEARED TO BE WELL SUPPLIED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.

IN DECEMBER 1908 THE FIRST OFFICIAL PROPOSAL WAS MADE FOR A NEW PARISH HOUSE. GROUND WAS BROKEN ON AUGUST 14, 1912, AND THE CORNERSTONE WAS LAID ON OCTOBER 19 OF THAT SAME YEAR, WITH BISHOP GARLAND OFFICIATING. WE ARE TOLD THAT, 'THE 45 CHOIRISTERS MET THE 17 VISITING CLERGYMEN AT THE VESTA CLUB HOUSE AND MARCHED IN PROCESSION TO THE CORNERSTONE LAYING SINGING 'ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS'. SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE PRESENT. AFTER THE SERVICE A NICE LUNCHEON WAS SERVED IN THE VESTA CLUB HOUSE TO THE CLERGY AND THE CHORISTERS. '

THE SUCCESS OF THE DRIVE FOR A NEW PARISH HOUSE WAS DUE MOSTLY TO THE GENEROSITY OF MR. AND MRS. ISAAC B. SCHLICHTER WHO CONTRIBUTED THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE MONEY NEEDED FOR THE BUILDING. MOREOVER, AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THEY PURCHASED THE ADJOINING PROPERTY ON FIRTH ST. WHICH WE NOW USE AS AN ANNEX. AND, OVER THE YEARS, THEY DEMONSTRATED THEIR INTEREST IN THE CHURCH THROUGH OTHER SIGNIFICANT GIFTS.

MR. GOODFELLOW CELEBRATED HIS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS RECTOR OF THE CHURCH IN MARCH 1912. TO THAT TIME HE HAD BAPTIZED 2176, PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION 1077, SOLEMNIZED 771 MARRIAGES, AND OFFICIATED AT 2176 BURIALS. IN ADDITION THE FACT THAT FIVE OF THE YOUNG MEN OF THE CHURCH HAD BEEN ORDAINED AS PRIESTS MUST HAVE GIVEN HIM GREAT SATISFACTION.

ANY ACCOUNT OF THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT MENTION OF MR. FRANK H. LONGSHORE. MR. LONGSHORE CAME TO THE CHURCH IN 1888 AS ORGANIST, ASSUMED THE ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF CHOIRMASTER TWO YEARS LATER, AND SERVED IN BOTH CAPACITIES UNTIL 1938. HE WAS A MAN OF DEDICATION AND GREAT ENERGY.

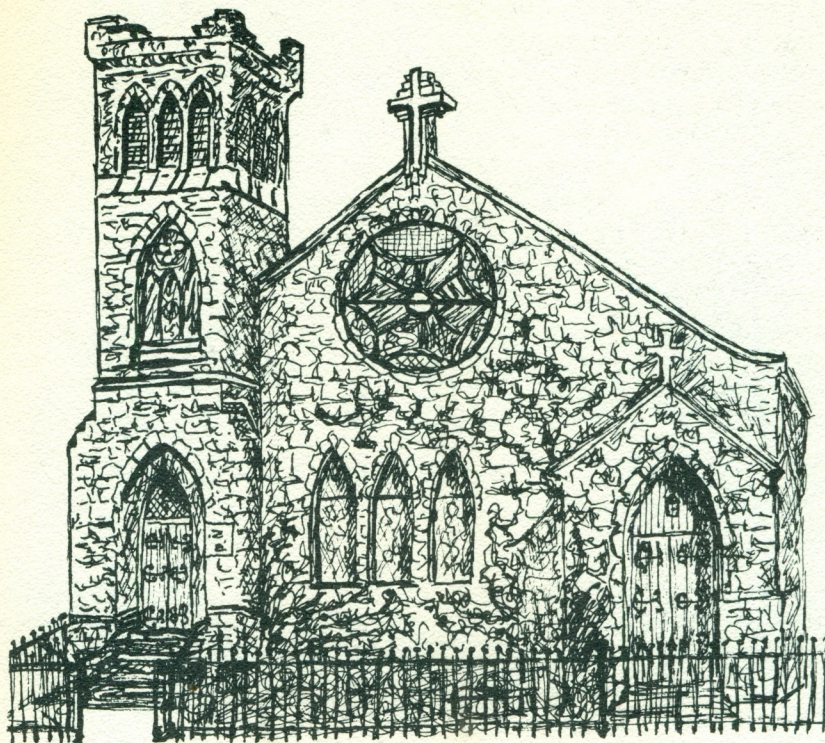
THE REVEREND JOHN A. GOODFELLOW CONTINUED HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER UNTIL THE YEAR OF HIS DEATH, 1935. HE WAS FOLLOWED AS RECTOR BY FATHER KEEDWELL. AND IN 1938 FATHER DAVID O. TRAUGER WAS CALLED TO THE RECTORSHIP. THUS, TO THE PRESENT TIME, MR. GOODFELLOW AND FATHER TRAUGER COMBINED HAVE SERVED THE PARISH FOR A TOTAL OF NINETY THREE YEARS, AND IF WE ADD IN THE SERVICE OF FATHER KEEDWELL THE TOTAL COMES TO ALMOST A CENTURY.

UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE CHURCH WHICH WELCOMED FATHER TRAUGER WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE DEPRESSION YEARS HAD TAKEN THEIR TOLL FINANCIALLY, THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN CHANGING OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, AND ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT HAD BEEN DECLINING. THE

GOOD OLD DAYS OF UNFETTERED EXPANSION WERE BEHIND US. THE PROBLEM HAD BECOME ONE OF RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH WAS JUST AS DEMANDING BUT LESS DRAMATIC AND PERHAPS LESS EXCITING.

THERE IS NO NEED, AT THIS TIME, TO REVIEW THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE UNDER FATHER TRAUGER OR THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPENDED IN THAT DIRECTION. MOST OF US HAVE PARTICIPATED PERSONALLY IN THAT PHASE OF OUR CHURCH HISTORY. BUT NOT SO WELL KNOWN WERE THE SIXTY EBULLIENT YEARS THAT TERMINATED IN ABOUT 1930, YEARS THAT CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH THAT WE STILL ENJOY AND ADMIRE. SO, FOR THIS REASON, AND TO KEEP OUR STORY WITHIN BOUNDS, IT WAS DECIDED TO DEAL PRIMARILY WITH THOSE BYGONE DAYS OF A DEPARTED ERA. BESIDES, IN A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION THERE SHOULD BE A PLACE FOR NOSTALGIA.





OUR SMALL STONE CHURCH, STANDING IN THE MIDST OF A BIG CITY HAS OFTEN BEEN DESCRIBED AS A TYPICAL ENGLISH CHURCH REMINIS-
CENT OF THE ENGLISH VILLAGE AND COUNTRYSIDE. OF COURSE THIS
IS NOT STRANGE WHEN WE CONSIDER IT WAS BUILT IN AN AGE WHEN
THE ENGLISH WORKED IN THE MANY MILLS OF KENSINGTON. TIMES
HAVE CHANGED NOW, THE MILLS ARE CLOSED, AND OUR COMMUNITY IS
HETEROGENEOUS. THE PARISH HOWEVER HAS GONE ON AND REMAINS A
HEALTHY ONE BECAUSE IT PROCLAIMS THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLE.
THE ALTAR IS AT THE VERY CENTER OF ALL OUR WORSHIP. IT IS
HERE THAT THE YOUNG ARE BAPTIZED, INSTRUCTED, CONFIRMED AND
MARRIED. IT IS HERE THE FAITHFUL ARE FED WITH THE BREAD OF
HEAVEN. IT IS HERE THAT OUR LOVED ONES BID FAREWELL TO THIS
LIFE AS THEY ENTER PARADISE. THIS IS WHAT MAKES THE GOOD
SHEPHERD HALLOWED GROUND.



DRAW NIGH AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD AND DRINK THE HOLY BLOOD FOR YOU OUTPOURED

WHO CAN NUMBER THOSE WHO SUNDAY AFTER SUNDAY OVER THESE HUNDRED YEARS HAVE MET AT THIS ALTAR TO RECEIVE CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD? ONCE A LONG TIME AGO, GOD BECAME MAN AND MEN COULD SEE HIM WITH THEIR OWN EYES. THEY SAW A BABE LYING IN A MANGER; A LAD STANDING IN THE TEMPLE; A MAN ON HIS KNEES IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. WHEN MEN SAW JESUS THEY SAW GOD. NOW HE HAS ASCENDED UP INTO THE HEAVENS AND WE CAN NO LONGER SEE HIM WITH OUR OWN EYES BUT WE CAN SEE HIM AND KNOW HIM AS HE COMES DOWN UPON OUR ALTARS. BENEATH THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND WINE WE SEE HIM THE GLORIES OF HIS MANHOOD AND GODHEAD.

AN ACT OF COMMENDATION

O MY CRUCIFIED SAVIOR, O BLESSED JESU,
MY ONLY HOPE AND REFUGE,
BATHE ME WITH THY BLOOD,
CLOTHE ME WITH THY MERIT,
BLESS ME WITH THY GRACE.

BY ALL WHICH IS NEAR AND DEAR UNTO THEE
O BLESSED JESUS BESTOW ON ME
A HAPPY DEPARTURE OF MY SOUL
OUT OF THIS WORLD.

WITH THY HOLY SACRAMENT TO STRENGTHEN ME
WITH THY HOLY MOTHER TO PRAY FOR ME,
WITH THY HOLY ANGELS TO GUARD AND PROTECT ME.
AND THYSELF, O DEAR JESUS, TO COMFORT ME,
AND TO RECEIVE ME INTO LIFE EVERLASTING.

AMEN